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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

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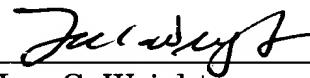
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continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, attached hereto is an English language summary of the relevance of the first six listed Japanese language documents. The two U.S. Patent Application publications are submitted for the concise explanation requirement for the last two Japanese language documents.

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The relation between each of References and the Invention is tabulated below.

1. JP-A-2000-159758

	Invention	Reference	Relation
Lactone	Partial structures (I-1) and (I-3)	Repeating units (Ia) and (Ib)	The invention encompasses the reference.
Norbornene	(I)	(III)	The invention encompasses the reference.
Acid-decomposable unit	(NII)	Repeating unit (C)	The reference encompasses the invention.

2. JP-A-2002-131917

	Invention	Reference	Relation
Lactone	Partial structures (I-1) to (I-4)	No description	No relation
Norbornene	(I)	(I)	The same
Acid-decomposable unit	(NII)	(II)	The invention encompasses the reference

3. JP-A-11-305444

	Invention	Reference	Relation
Lactone	Partial structures (I-1) to (I-4)	No description	No relation
Norbornene	(I)	(III)	The invention partly overlaps with the reference.
Acid-decomposable unit	(NII)	(I)	The invention encompasses the reference.

4. JP-A-2001-142213

	Invention	Reference	Relation
Lactone	Partial structures (I-1) to (I-4)	Partial structures (I-1) to (I-4)	The same.
Norbornene	(I)	No description	No relation
Acid-decomposable unit	(NII)		The reference encompasses the invention.

5. JP-A-2001-188346

	Invention	Reference	Relation
Lactone	Partial structure (I-1)	Partial structure (1)	The invention partly overlaps with the reference.
Norbornene	(I)	(5), but acid-decomposable units are essential	No relation
Acid-decomposable unit	(NII)	(6)	The invention encompasses the reference.

6. JP-A-2001-240625

	Invention	Reference	Relation
Lactone	Partial structure (I-1) to (I-4)	No description	No relation
Norbornene	(I)	(IIIg), but acid-decomposable units are essential	The invention encompasses the reference.
Acid-decomposable unit	(NII)	(IID)	The invention encompasses the reference.